

**INFORMATION TO OBTAIN A WARRANT  
TO ENTER DWELLING-HOUSE  
TO ARREST A PERSON**  
(Section 529.1 CC)

This is the information of Constable Bill Turner of Sydney  
Nova Scotia, a peace officer, (the informant).

The informant says that he has reasonable grounds to believe and does believe that Melissa Ann Shepard (Friedrich - Weeks) (name or description of person) (the person) of 20 - 7 Quinns Way, New Glasgow, Nova Scotia has committed the federal offence of:

Attempted Murder Section 239(1) of the Criminal Code of Canada  
Administering a Noxious Thing Section 245(a) of the Criminal Code of Canada

The grounds for this belief are:

Please see Appendix "A"

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The Informant says he has reasonable grounds to believe and does believe:

- ☐ A warrant issued under a federal Act is in force anywhere in Canada and a copy of the warrant is attached to this information; or
- ☒ Grounds exist to arrest the person without warrant under the provisions of section 495(1)(a) or (b) of the Criminal Code; or
- ☐ Grounds exist to arrest or apprehend the person under a federal Act other than the Criminal Code.

The grounds for this belief are:

Both offences are indictable.

The informant says that he has reasonable grounds to believe and does believe that the person is or will be present in the dwelling-house at 20 - 7 Quinns Way, New Glasgow, Nova Scotia

The grounds for this belief are:

The vehicle operated by Melissa Ann Shepard (Friedrich - Weeks) on September 30th, 2012 when she was stopped by Cape Breton Regional Police on Highway 105 Millville, Cape Breton Regional Municipality, Province of Nova Scotia for a Motor Vehicle Act infraction is now parked at 16 Quinns Way, New Glasgow, the residence of her husband Fred Weeks. Melissa Ann Shepard's (Friedrich - Weeks) apartment is 20 Quinns Way, New Glasgow, Nova Scotia. New Glasgow Police Service Seargent Blair Quinn advised Constable Michael Somerton at approximately 00:30 hours October 1st, 2012 that the lights were on at the residence of Melissa Ann Shepard (Friedrich - Weeks). Officers from the New Glasgow Police Service are presently assigned to conduct surveillance of the residence of Melissa Ann Shepard (Friedrich - Weeks). Constables Geoff MacLeod and Wayne Forgeron are presently on route to New Glasgow.

- ☒ The Informant believes that prior announcement by peace officers executing this warrant would:
- ☐ expose a peace officer executing this warrant or another person to minimal bodily harm or death;
  - ☒ result in the imminent loss or destruction of evidence relating to the commission of an indictable offence.

The grounds for this belief are:

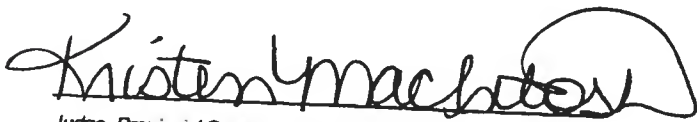
It is believed that pills were administered to Fred Weeks by Melissa Ann Shepard (Friedrich - Weeks) prior announcement would provide the opportunity to destroy evidence.

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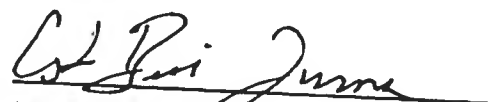
The informant believes the above to be true, except where otherwise stated.

The informant asks that a warrant be granted authorizing the entry into the dwelling-house at \_\_\_\_\_  
20 - 7 Quinns Way, New Glasgow, Nova Scotia  
to arrest \_\_\_\_\_  
Melissa Ann Shepard (Friedrich - Weeks)

Sworn or Solemnly Affirmed before me at  
\_\_\_\_\_ Sydney \_\_\_\_\_, Nova Scotia,  
on \_\_\_\_\_ October 1st \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_ 12 \_\_\_\_\_.

  
Judge, Provincial Court Judge, Justice of the Peace

KRISTIN L. MACINTOSH  
A JUSTICE OF THE PEACE FOR  
THE PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA

  
Informant (peace officer)

CBRPS  
Agency

## Appendix "A"

1. I, Cst. Bill Turner, a Peace Officer with the Cape Breton Regional Police Services in the County of Cape Breton, Province of Nova Scotia make Oath and say as follows:
2. I have personal knowledge of the facts contained herein, except where otherwise stated to be by way of information and belief;
3. Where such knowledge is stated to be by way of information and I do verily believe it to be true.
4. On Sunday September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Constable John Ratchford (Cst. Ratchford) received a phone call from David Weeks who resides in New Glasgow, Nova Scotia concerning his 75 year old father Fred Weeks (Date of Birth 1936-11-29). David Weeks advised that he had been contacted by the North Side General Hospital, North Sydney, Cape Breton Regional Municipality, Province of Nova Scotia as his father had been transported by Emergency Health Services (EHS) on September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012 in a weak and confused state. During the conversation with hospital staff David Weeks had been advised that his father's wife Melissa had told staff that Fred Weeks had no family and suffered from dementia, David Weeks advised Cst. Ratchford that his father has no medical issues other than a "puffer". David Weeks advised Cst. Ratchford that his father had married two weeks ago.  
  
David advised Cst. Ratchford that he had not known anything about Melissa but had been advised by a friend of his wife's to search her name on the internet last evening. David discovered that his father's wife was featured on the CBC's Fifth Estate a number of years ago her nickname is the "Black Widow". Melissa has a lengthy Criminal history including administering a noxious substance and manslaughter in the death of one of her husbands. According to the Fifth Estate story two other husbands of Melissa's have died under mysterious circumstances.
5. Cst. Ratchford directed Constables Philip MacLeod (Cst. MacLeod) and Constable Michael O'Rourke (Cst. O'Rourke) to attend the North Side

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General Hospital for the purposes of inquiring on the condition of Fred Weeks.

6. Upon arrival Cst. O'Rourke spoke with Lorraine MacDonald RN who advised Fred Weeks was brought to the hospital on September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012 and was unresponsive and confused and was presently on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor of the hospital. Cst. O'Rourke was advised that Fred Weeks' wife was in the waiting room and it appeared she was preparing to leave.
7. Csts. O'Rourke and MacLeod attended the waiting area and observed an elderly lady putting on her jacket, Cst. O'Rourke attempted to speak with the lady addressing her as Mrs. Weeks, initially the lady made no comment then stated "I am not talking to you people". Cst. O'Rourke advised that Police were there as the result of a call from her husband's son who was worried about his father, once again Melissa uttered "I am not talking to you people" and at this point left the hospital.
8. Cst. O'Rourke spoke with Jennifer MacKinnon RN and Lorraine MacDonald RN and learned that Melissa had stated that her husband had no other next of kin, through speaking with Fred Weeks and learned that he had a son in New Glasgow. The attending physician was Dr. Michelle McKeogh who had ordered a CT scan, Fred Weeks was prescribed two Benzodiazepine pills to sedate him prior to the CT scan. Fred Weeks is coherent as of the time of the conversation and has continued to ask for his wife. Fred Weeks is to be transported to the New Glasgow hospital as early as Monday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012.
9. Cst. MacLeod spoke with Marion Brackly McKay at the North Side General Hospital Ms. MacKay is a minister in North Sydney. Cst. MacLeod learned that Ms. McKay resides across from the Chambers Bed and Breakfast on King Street, North Sydney and observed EHS at the B&B at approximately 08:00 hours on Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Ms. McKay attended to see if she could offer any assistance. Ms. McKay was introduced to Mrs. Weeks, at approximately 09:00 hours she took Mrs. Weeks to the North Side General to be with her husband. Ms. McKay states that Mrs. Weeks showed no emotion or concern for her husband.

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Ms. McKay stayed with Mrs. Weeks for awhile then took her to the North Star Inn so a room could be booked. Mrs. Weeks had all her belongings packed and in her vehicle. Ms. McKay advised that she had been told by Mrs. Weeks that she and her husband had no children and were from New Glasgow.

Mrs. Weeks advised that she and her husband had just arrived from being in Newfoundland, the ferry trip was very rough and her husband had fell several times during the crossing striking his head on a medal bar.

Mrs. Weeks stated that around 04:00 hours her husband was calling for her, he had fell out of bed and she could not assist him back in. Mrs. Weeks looked for help but there was no one around, she made him comfortable on the floor and left him there until morning. Mrs. Weeks stated that her husband had COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease) and had many dealings with doctors in Halifax. Mrs. Weeks advised Ms. McKay that she was embarrassed to return to the B&B as her husband had urinated on the floor while he lay there, she asked Ms. McKay to return the room key.

Ms. McKay attended the B&B and spoke with the owner Cheryl Chambers and advised her of the urine which maybe on the floor, Ms. Chambers stated that there was more that urine on the floor there was feces as well.

Ms. McKay advised Cst. MacLeod that she was in possession of a jacket which was located in the room at the Chamber's B&B and turned over to her by Cheryl Chambers, since she had not seen Mrs. Weeks again she still had it.

10. Constables Robert Davies and Michael Somerton continued with the investigation as part of this investigation Police spoke with Heather Duff, Director of Nursing at the North Side General Hospital, she advised that when Fred Weeks arrived at the hospital he had no clothing on. Ms. Duff advised that several tests were conducted on Fred Weeks and blood and urine samples were taken prior to the CT scan.
11. At 19:20 hours Cst. Somerton received a copy of a lab report for Fred Weeks concerning the urine sample which had been tested. The results showed that there was Benzodiazepine in the urine (urine sample taken prior to medical staff prescribing the two Benzodiazepine pills).

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12. Csts. Davies and Somerton interviewed David Weeks the following was learned.

David was told recently by a co-worker of his wife's to check out the Fifth Estate web site in regards to the "Black Widow", he had been told his father's new wife was this lady. His father and new wife were only married on September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

David was aware that his father and his wife Millie (Melissa) were supposed to travel to Newfoundland however his father told him they never made it. He contacted the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) as he wanted to pass onto his father the information he had located about his father's new wife. David advised that he has noticed a difference in the way his father was behaving; his father is healthy but does forget things at times. David had recently been told by his father that he takes no medications.

13. Csts. Davies and Somerton interviewed Catherine Porter daughter of Fred Weeks, during this interview it was learned that she had received a phone call from her brother David advising that their father was in the hospital and may have been poisoned. Mrs. Porter advised that she had only met her father's new wife in July 2012 and her father and the lady lived in the same complex. Mrs. Porter advised that her father has no health issues, she had been concerned after the death of her mother but testing for dementia was negative. Mrs. Porter advised that he father is in a good financial situation.

14. Csts. Davies and Somerton interviewed Cheryl Chambers owner of the bed and breakfast and learned that Fred Weeks and his wife Millie arrived on September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at approximately 08:00 hours. Ms. Chambers stated that Millie had told her that they had just arrived from Newfoundland and had a rough crossing.

Ms. Chambers heard a bang coming from the room used by Fred and Millie, Ms. Chambers spoke with Millie and she advised everything was ok. Ms. Chambers stated that she observed Fred laying across the bed and he bare

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legs and a t shirt on, his eyes were kind of glazed over. On Saturday morning at breakfast Millie came down and stated that she had a rough night and she wanted to get her husband to the hospital by ambulance, prior to having paramedics phoned Millie had toast and coffee.

Ms. Chambers advised that Millie had told her that her husband had heart attacks previously. Ms. Chambers located urine and feces on the bed after Fred was taken by ambulance and Millie left. Ms. Chambers noted that Millie would not open the door much when Ms. Chambers was checking on the bang from the room.

15. Csts. Davies and Somerton interviewed Fred Weeks at the North Side General Hospital and the following information was learned through this interview. Fred lives in New Glasgow, he is trying to remember what happened, and he went out and woke up in the hospital. Fred has known Millie for a month, she came to his apartment one day as she lives in the same complex, she said she was lonely and heard he was lonely too. Millie proposed to him and they were married at his place last Tuesday, Millie had made all the arrangements. Fred states that Millie had promised him sex but always had a reason not to. After they were married they got in the car and drove down to Cape Breton, the plan was to go to Newfoundland but things started going wrong, he had lost the car keys twice. They had planned on going for 5 days but he is sure they did not get on the ferry. He usually gets up early around 06:00 hours but he was later getting up and Millie was not there, he did not see Millie at the hospital.

Mr. Weeks advised that he is only prescribed Lipitor #1 for cholesterol which he has stopped taking.

The purpose of this warrant is to enter the residence at 20 -7 Quinns Way, New Glasgow, Province of Nova Scotia and arrest (Millie) Melissa Ann Shepard (Friedrich-Weeks) for Attempted Murder Section 239(1) of the Criminal Code and Administering a Noxious Thing Section 245(a) of the Criminal Code.

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Addendum to Appendix "A"

20 - 7 Quinns Way, New Glasgow, County of Pictou is the residence of Melissa Ann Shepard (Friedrich-Weeks). This address is confirmed through the Justice Enterprise Information Network (JEIN).

I believe that Melissa Ann Shepard (Friedrich-Weeks) has returned to her residence as noted above. I have received information from Cst. Geoff MacLeod at 08:45 hours October 1, 2011 that he observed a light come on at the noted residence at approximately 05:00 hrs. and shortly thereafter go out. I believe that no one other than Melissa Ann Shepard (Friedrich-Weeks) lives with her at her residence.

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